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1. SUMMARY. INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS MINISTER J. HUGH FAULKNER AND SAM RADDI, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ORIGINAL PEOPLES' ENTITLEMENT (COPE), MADE PUBLIC JULY 14 A JOINT POSITION PAPER CONTAINING THE ELEMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE COPE LAND RIGHTS CLAIM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BASED ON THE JOINT POSITION PAPER WILL BE SIGNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COPE CLAIM WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE INUVIALUIT (THE INUIT OF THE WESTERN ARCTIC) ON MAY 13, 1977. THE 106-PAGE JOINT POSITION PAPER, THE RESULT OF MONTHS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED IN THE INUVIALUIT COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO A VOTE APPROVING ITS CONTENTS. THE POSITION PAPER PROPOSED THAT THE SETTLEMENT

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PROVIDE THE INUVIALUIT WITH SPECIAL WILDLIFE HARVESTING RIGHTS AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS RELATING TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN ARCTIC REGION; OWNERSHIP OF 95,830 SQUARE KM. (37,000 SQUARE MILES) OF LAND, 12,950 SQ. KM. (5,000 SQ. MI.) OF WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SUBSURFACE; A LAND MANAGEMENT REGIME WITH SIGNIFICANT INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION INCLUDING THE ESTAB-

LISHMENT OF A LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE WESTERN ARCTIC REGION; FINANCIAL COMPENSATION WITH A PRESENT VALUE OF \$45 MILLION; GENERAL ECONOMIC MEASURES PERTAINING TO INUVIALUIT BUSINESSES AND SPECIFIC PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, AND A SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP INUVIALUIT-DESIGNED SOLUTIONS TO THEIR SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

3. IN ANNOUNCING THE AGREEMENT, INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS MINISTER FAULKNER STATED: QUOTE: I REGARD THE JOINT POSITION PAPER AS A VERY IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO REACH SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTHERN NATIVE CLAIMS, AND AN AFFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO DEAL WITH NATIVE CLAIMS ON THE BASIS OF ITS STATED POLICY. THE JOINT POSITION PAPER REPRESENTS THE FIRST AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED ON ANY OF THE NATIVE CLAIMS IN THE TWO NORTHERN TERRITORIES SINCE THE FEDERAL POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED. THE GOALS OF THE COPE CLAIM SETTLEMENT, AS AGREED UPON IN THE JOINT POSITION PAPER, ARE TO PRESERVE INUVIALUIT CULTURAL IDENTITY AND VALUES WITHIN A CHANGING NORTHERN SOCIETY; TO ENABLE INUVIALUIT TO BE EQUAL AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPANTS IN THE NORTHERN AND NATIONAL ECONOMY AND SOCIETY; TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS, BENEFITS, AND COMPENSATION TO THE INUVIALUIT IN EXCHANGE FOR ANY INUVIALUIT LAND RIGHTS THAT NOW EXIST; AND TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ARCTIC WILDLIFE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENVIRONMENT, AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY. THE POSITION PAPER REFLECTS THE SUCCESS OF BOTH PARTIES IN FINDING WAYS TO ATTAIN THOSE GOALS. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: THE CONTENTS OF THE JOINT POSITION PAPER ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE INUVIALUIT COMMUNITIES, AND IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT THE APPROXIMATELY 2,500 INUVIALUIT WILL APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WILL COMMENT SHORTLY ON THE IMPACT OF THIS SETTLEMENT ON THE CLAIMS OF OTHER NATIVE GROUPS IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON. MEANWHILE, WE WILL POUCH THE TEXT OF THE JOINT POSITION PAPER TO EUR/CAN. ENDERS

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